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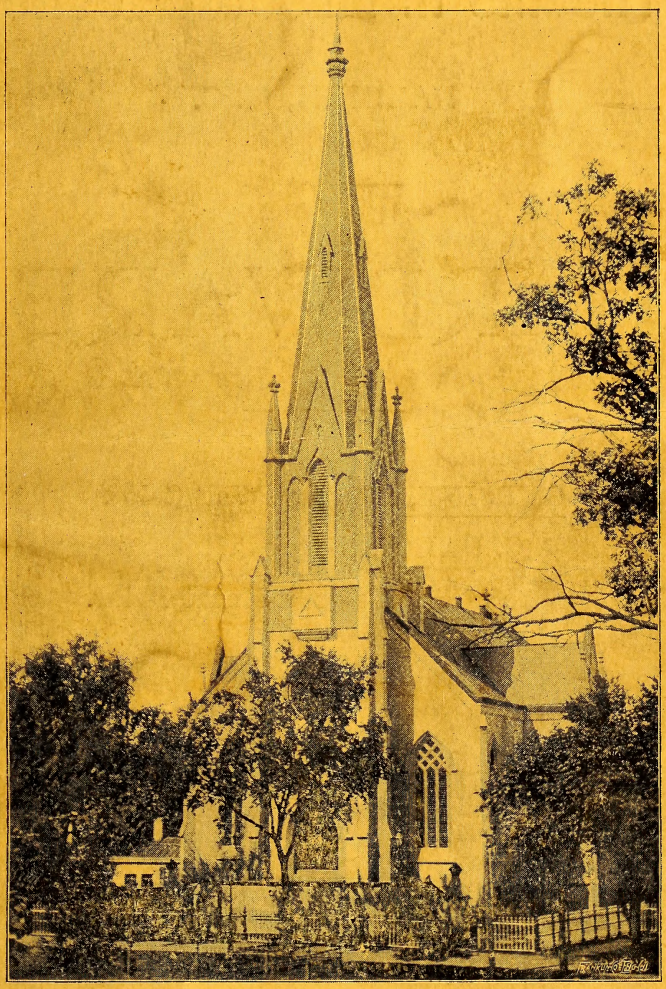

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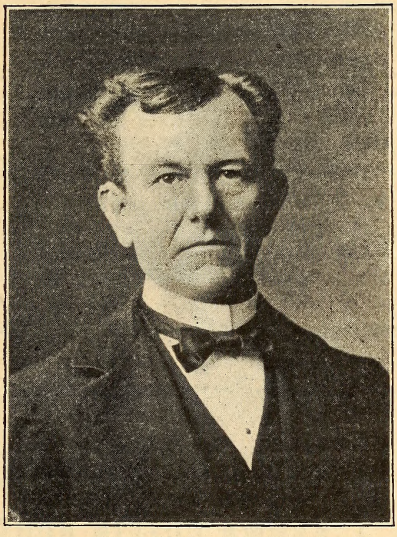

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ALEXIS A. MARSHALL, D. D. ..... Pastor.

DEACONS:

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G. M. Allen, J. D. Boushall, W. N. Jones,
D. H. Allen, S. W. Brewer, J. E. Ray,
T. B. Terrell, J. P. Wyatt.

C. A. Johnson ..... Clerk.
John S. Johnson ..... Treasurer.

TRUSTEES:

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G. M. Allen, W. N. Jones, B. P. Williamson.
J. P. Wyatt.

COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS:

J. T. Parham, James Carroll.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

T. H. Briggs, Samuel Parish, Mrs. H. Andrews,
I. O. Jones, Fuller Terrell, Mrs. C. C. Johnson,
H. J. Johnson, J. J. Towler, Mrs. C. W. Newcombe,
C. F. Lumsden, E. S. Wyatt, Miss Fannie Terrell.

PURCHASING COMMITTEE:

J. P. Wyatt, M. T. Norris, C. B. Edwards,
W. E. Dewar.

USHERS:

T. S. Pearce, Fuller Terrell, Baxter Durham,
D. H. Allen.

STATED SERVICES.

Preaching every Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m., and at 7:30 p. m., from October 1st to April 1st, and at 8 o'clock p. m. from April 1st to October 1st.

Baptist Young People's Union, at the hours above mentioned, on Monday evening of each week.

Church Prayer meeting, on each Wednesday evening, at the hours above mentioned.

Sunday School at 9 30: o'clock a. m.

Lord's Supper on the 1st Sunday of each month, after the morning services.

Business meeting on Friday night before the first Sunday of each month.

REGULAR COLLECTIONS.

Sunday morning for all church expenses.

Sunday night, one-half for poor of the church, the other half for Thomasville Orphanage.

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QUARTERLY COLLECTIONS.

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Foreign Missions	Fourth Sunday in April.
Ministerial Education	Fourth Sunday in July.
State Missions	Fourth Sunday in October.

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J. E. Ray	First Assistant Superintendent.
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J. J. Towler	Secretary.
C. F. Lumsden	Assistant Secretary.
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S. E. Owen	Librarian.
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C. W. Newcombe	Chorister.
Miss Evie B. Ellis	Pianist.
S. W. Brewer	Usher.

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T. H. Briggs, D. T. Johnson, John E. Ray,
J. A. Egerton, J. M. Johnson, Wm. Royall,
C. J. Hunter, J. L. Kesler, John A. Simpson,
Fred. A. Watson.

FEMALES.

Mrs. T. H. Briggs, Mrs. Jessie Ernshaw, Mrs. T. N. Ivey,
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Miss H. Christophers, Miss Susie Heck. Miss L. B. Newsom,
Miss Eleanor M. Vass, Miss S. E. Young.

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Mrs. Anna M. Johnson and Miss Enolia Bland.

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"As we trust we have been brought by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the influence of his Spirit to give ourselves up to him, so we do now solemly covenant with each other, that, God enabling us, we will walk together in brotherly love; that we will exercise a Christian care and watchfulness over each other, and faithfully warn, rebuke, and admonish one another, as the case shall require; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor omit the great duty of prayer, both for ourselves and for others; that we will participate in each other's joys, and endeaver, with tenderness and sympathy, to bear each other's burdens and sorrows; that we will earnestly endeavor to bring up such as may be under our care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that we will seek divine aid to enable us to walk circumspectly and watchfully in the world; denying ungodliness and every worldly lust; that we will strive together for the support of a faithful evangelical ministry among us; that we will endeavor, by example and effort, to win souls to Christ; and, through life, amidst evil report and good report, seek to live to the glory of Him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

"And may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant make us perfect in every good work, to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory, forever and ever. AMEN."

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

I.—The Scriptures.—We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true centre of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

II.—The True God.—We believe the Scriptures teach that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III.—The Fall of Man.—We believe the Scriptures teach that Man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker; but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil; and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defence or excuse.

IV.—The Way of Salvation.—We believe the Scriptures teach that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace; through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God; who, by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience, and by his death made a full atonement for our sins; that, having risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, he is in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and all-sufficient Savior.

V.—Justification.—We believe the Scriptures teach that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in him is Justification; that Justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood; by virtue of which faith His perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI.—The Freeness of Salvation.—We believe the Scriptures teach that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial, pen-

itent and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own determined depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel; which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

VII.—Regeneration.—We believe the Scriptures teach that in order to be saved sinners must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy S irit, in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel; and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance, and faith and newness of life.

VIII.—Repentance and Faith.—We believe the Scriptures teach that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and supplications for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our prophet, priest, and king, and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Savior.

IX.—God's Purpose of Grace.—We believe the Scriptures teach that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the Gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

X.—Sanctification.—We believe the Scriptures teach that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means—especially the word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.

XI.—Perseverance of Saints.—We believe the Scriptures teach that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguished them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

XII.—The Law and Gospel.—We believe the Scriptures teach that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral

government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfil its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy Law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the Means of Grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

XIII.—A Gospel Church.—We believe the Scriptures teach that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word; that its only scriptural officers are Bishops or Pastors and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles of Timothy and Titus.

XIV.—Baptism and the Lord's Supper—We believe the Scriptures teach that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, into the name of the Father, and Son and Holy Ghost, to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination.

XV.—The Christian Sabbath.—We believe the Scriptures teach that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath: and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

XVI.—Civil Government.—We believe the Scriptures teach that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for conscientiously, honored and obeyed; except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

XVII.—Righteous and Wicked.—We believe the Scriptures teach that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked, and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

XVIII.—The World to Come.—We believe the Scriptures teach that the end of the world is approaching; that at the Last Day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave for final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will forever fix the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNMENT.

ARTICLE I.

RECEPTION AND DISMISSION OF MEMBERS.

1. Any person professing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, giving evidence of a change of heart, and adopting substantially the views of faith and practice held by this Church, may, upon baptism, be received into membership by vote of the Church.

2. Members from other Churches holding the same faith may be received into the fellowship of this Church by letters of dismission and recommendation from their respective Churches.

3. Those who have once been members of Baptist Churches, and, in consequence of any peculiar circumstances, have no regular letters of dismission, may be received into the fellowship of this Church, by giving satisfactory evidence of a change of heart, Christian conduct and Scriptural faith.

4. Excluded members may be restored to membership by confession of their errors, and giving evidence of repentance.

5. Persons cannot be received to membership in this Church on the credit of letters from other denominations. Such letters will, however, be accepted as certificates of Christian character.

6. No one shall be received into the fellowship of this Church to whom objection is made by any member. If objection is made, the case shall be deferred to consider the reasons for the opposition. Objections which are judged by the Church to be unreasonable or groundless, shall not prevent the reception of a suitable candidate.

7. Any member in good standing shall be entitled, at any time, to a letter of dismission to unite with another Church of the same faith and order, by giving the name of the Church to which he proposes to transfer his membership.

8. All letters of dismission granted by this Church shall be valid for *six months* only; if held longer they may be renewed by this Church, if satisfactory reasons are given for their non-use.

9. Each one receiving a letter is still a member of this Church, and under its watchcare until his letter is actually received by another Church.

10. Members living remote from this Church are required to unite with some Baptist Church near their residence, or give satisfactory reasons for not doing so. When they cannot so unite, they are required to report themselves to the Church at least *once a year*, and contribute to its support until they cease to be members.

11. Persons excluded from other Churches cannot be received into membership in this Church, without the consent of the Church excluding them, or except, after careful examination, it is clear to the Church that the exclusion was unjustifiable.

12. Any member shall be entitled, at any time, to receive a certificate of standing and Christian character, but should such member

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unite with another denomination, the fellowship of this Church shall be withdrawn from him, for, however excellent his character, he has broken covenant with the Church, and has placed himself beyond the limits of its fellowship.

ARTICLE II.

BY WHOM THE AFFAIRS OF THE CHURCH SHALL BE MANAGED.

1. The government of this Church, according to the New Testament plan and teaching, shall be independent in form, and the right of administration shall reside in the Body itself.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

1. The officers of the Church shall be a Pastor, eleven Deacons, four Deaconesses, seven Trustees, a Clerk, a Treasurer, a Finance Committee of thirteen members including the Treasurer, who is *ex officio* a member, four Ushers and a Purchasing Committee of four members, and a Committee on Repairs of two members.

2. The election of Pastor shall be understood to be for life; the Pastoral relation, however, on three months' notice, given by the Pastor or by the Church, may be dissolved, whenever in the opinion of the Church or Pastor such dissolution is desirable. The election of Deacons shall be during good behavior. The term of office for Trustees, Finance Committee, Clerk, Treasurer and Ushers, Purchasing Committee and Committee on Repairs shall be for one year.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS—OF THE PASTOR.

1. It is the duty of the Pastor faithfully to preach the Word; to take the general superintendence of the Church, and to exercise in it the functions of a ruling elder; to visit from house to house, and labor in word and doctrine; to prevent, as far as possible, all schisms and divisions among the members; to exercise a sound discretion in building up the cause of Christ, and to visit the sick of the Church and congregation, but he shall not be chargeable with neglect in this last particular unless requested or informed of the case.

OF THE DEACONS.

2. It shall be the duty of the Deacons to serve at the Lord's Table; to visit and comfort the sick; to distribute the bounty of the Church among the poor members: to take a leading part in instructing the ignorant, in reproving the unruly, and especially to see that a sound and healthy scriptural discipline be enforced in the Church. It shall be, moreover, the duty of the Deacons to take care of and keep in repair the place of worship, together with any other houses or tenements which may be the property of the Church. It shall be the privilege of the Deacons to nominate the Sexton of the Church.

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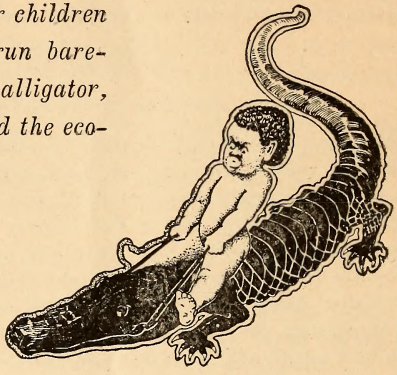

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OF THE DEACONESSES.

3. It shall be the duty of the Deaconesses to visit the sick; to aid the Deacons in the administration of discipline; to aid the Board of Finance in the collection of the revenue of the Church; to assist the Pastor in the baptism of female candidates, and to see that a sufficient number of baptizing robes are provided to meet the wants of the Church.

OF THE TRUSTEES.

4. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to receive and take care of all donations or bequests to the Church; to see that all property of the Church is secured by good legal titles, and that said property is constantly protected by insurance.

OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

5. The Finance Committee, with the Deacons, shall constitute the Board of Finance of the Church, which Board shall have the general management of the financial affairs of the Church, subject to the control of the Church, to which they shall make stated reports.

OF THE CLERK.

6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep in a proper book, a record of the proceedings of the church in the exercise of its discipline and management of its temporal affairs. He shall sign all letters and other communications done by authority of the church. He shall keep a roll of the members, which roll shall, as far as possible, show the time of their admission and dismission. He shall notify all persons against whom charges have been preferred, and shall keep all papers and records belonging to his office in a secure place, nor shall such papers and records be exhibited without the consent of the church.

OF THE TREASURER.

7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys, and pay all orders drawn on him by order of the church. He shall keep a fair book of accounts, and shall report, if required, at any regular meeting of the church. At the close of the fiscal year, he shall make a full statement of the receipts and expenditures of the year.

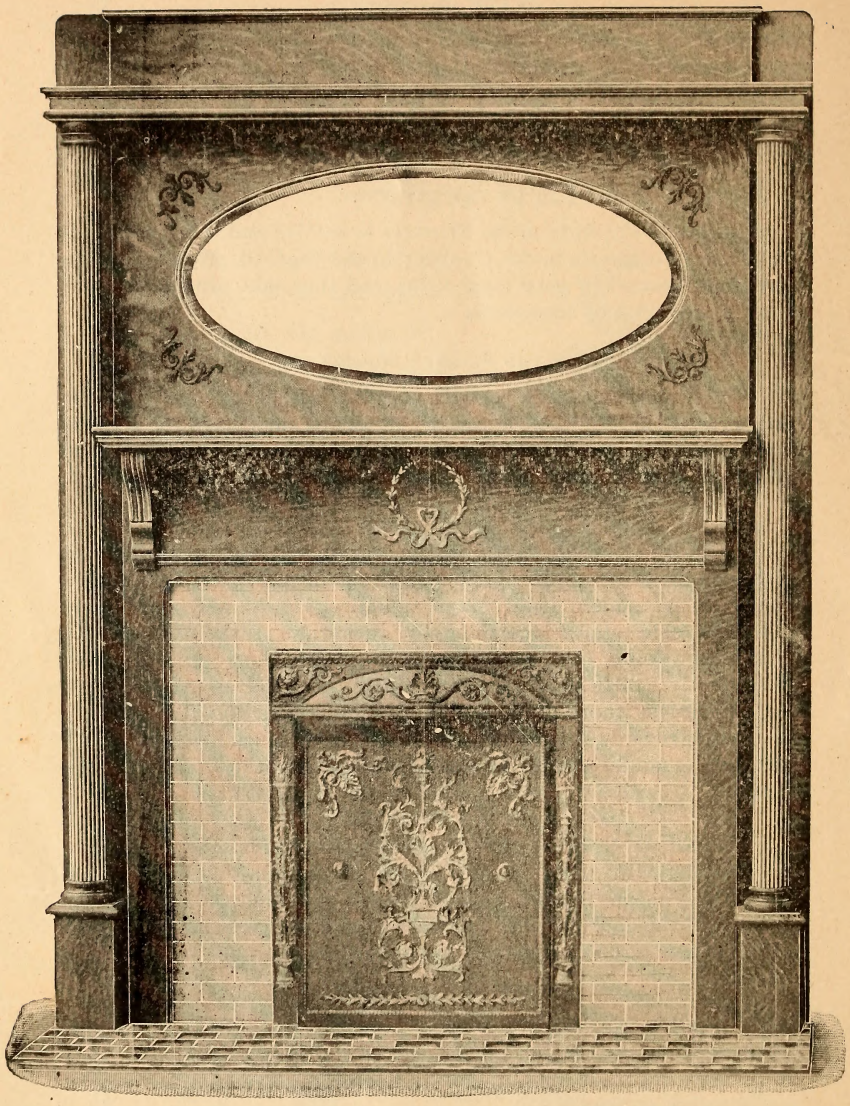
OF THE REPAIR COMMITTEE.

8. It shall be the duty of the Repair Committee in conjunction with the Deacons of the Church to take care of and keep in repair the place of worship, together with any other house or tenement that may be the property of the Church.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH.

1. Monthly meetings for business shall be held on Friday night before the first Sunday in each month.



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2. The annual meeting of the church shall be held on Friday night before the first Sunday in December, in each year; at which meeting, the Treasurer and Board of Finance shall make a full report of the financial condition of the church, and the offices of Clerk, Treasurer, Trustees, Finance Committee, Purchasing Committee and Committee on Repairs, Ushers and Sexton shall be filled by election.

3. Special meetings of the church may be called by the Pastor, by any two of the Deacons, or at the request of any nine of the male members, but the proceedings of all such extra meetings shall be deemed informal and irregular unless approved by a regular meeting of the church.

4. At all meetings of the church, the Pastor shall preside as Moderator, unless he declines, in which case a Moderator *pro tempore* may be chosen by the church.

5. Thirteen male members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The business meetings of the church shall be conducted, as much as possible, in the spirit of devotion, and under a sense of the sanctity which attaches to the kingdom of God, and shall observe the following order:

1. The meetings will be opened with singing and prayer.
2. The reading, correction and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
3. Unfinished business, including reports of committees, &c., taken in order.
4. New business.

ARTICLE VI.

OF DISCIPLINE.

1. In all cases of grievance between members, or offense against the church, the offending member shall be dealt with according to the rule laid down in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew.

2. No complaint shall be preferred in church conference against any member until after the course recommended in the preceding rule shall have been pursued toward him; and any charges preferred against a member in church conference shall be in writing.

3. No person shall be excluded, until he or she shall have been cited to appear before the church, and shall have had an opportunity to reply to any charges that have been preferred; except in cases when gross immorality or dishonesty is clearly proved, and in cases where circumstances render an interview impracticable.

ARTICLE VII.

OF ALTERATION OF RULES.

1. All amendments or alterations of these rules shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting of the church, and shall lie over for consideration until the next regular meeting, when a vote of three-fourths of those present shall be necessary to their adoption; but any article may be temporarily suspended to meet an extraordinary case, by a unanimous vote of the members present at a regular meeting.

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FINANCIAL PLAN OF THE CHURCH.

1. All the members of this church are required to give of their substance to the support of the church. In order to reach each member, the membership is to be distributed equally among the Finance Committee; each Committeeman to have a list of his Class, and to keep an account of all who fail to pay their dues.

2. A list of the delinquent members, male and female, old and young, is to be furnished by the Treasurer to each Committeeman, at each monthly meeting for business; and it shall be their duty to call upon such delinquents and collect their dues, or ascertain the cause of their delinquency, and to report their names to the next regular meeting for business, if they still fail to pay their dues. They will also report whether, in their opinion, the failure arises from inability to contribute, and when satisfied of such inability, the Church will excuse such delinquents until such time as their circumstances shall enable them to contribute.

3. All members, whose delinquency is not shown to proceed from inability to give, shall be dealt with by the church for neglect of their duty, and, unless a satisfactory excuse be given, shall be excluded.

4. This plan is not to interfere with the regular collection on each Lord's day, at which time the contributions above mentioned are payable. Each member will place his contribution in an envelope, seal it, put his name and amount contributed on the back of the envelope, that it may be credited by the Treasurer.

5. At each monthly meeting the Treasurer will report the amount of collections for the month, and these collections shall be applied to paying Pastor's salary, and such other current expenses as they may be sufficient to cover.

6. The amount contributed by each member is expected to be proportionate to his or her ability, and any member who shall give evidence of a disposition to shirk or evade his or her fair proportion, shall be reported by the Committeeman who has his or her name, that he or she may be dealt with for covetousness. Every member is to contribute to the expenses of the church.

7. The contributions of members are to be reckoned as due from the first of January of each year, and will he collected in accordance with the above plan. The Finance Committee is to see that this plan is carried out, and will report to the Church any violation of it which may come to its notice.

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STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That our house of worship shall be used only for the worship of God, nor shall the bell be rung for any other purpose, save in the case of fire, except by consent of the church first obtained.

2. *Resolved*, That no public collection shall be taken up in this church, save for the expenses of the church, and the general objects of the Baptist State Convention, except by consent of the church first obtained.

3. *Resolved*, That since, in our opinion, the habitual use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage is contrary to christian morality, injurious to personal piety, and a hinderance to Gospel truth, and especially, since the history of this church shows that *seven-tenths* of all the cases in which its discipline has been exercised, have originated in strong drink, therefore, it is the deliberate judgment of this church that duty and safety alike require all christians to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors.

4. *Resolved*, That any member of this church, who makes, buys or sells intoxicating drinks to be used as a beverage, thereby forfeits the fellowship of this church.

5. *Resolved*, That we condemn the practice of church members attending theatres, circusses, and other similar places of amusement. and taking part in and encouraging lotteries, as inconsistent with a christian profession, detrimental to personal piety, and pernicious in the influence of its example on others.

6. *Resolved*, That the members of this church are earnestly requested not to provide for, take part in, or by any means encourage dancing or card-playing, as such practices are harmful to godliness in their associations and tendencies, and an offence to many good brethren, whom we would not willingly grieve.

7. *Resolved*, That the members of this church who engage in dancing shall be subjected to the discipline of the same, and if, after due admonition and warning and entreaty, they persist in dancing, the fellowship of the church shall be withdrawn from them.

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH.

Early in the year 1812, Elder Robert T. Daniel delivered a sermon in the State Capitol in reply to a Universalist, and so great was the effect of this discourse that a lot was donated and six hundred dollars were raised on the spot to erect a Baptist house of worship in Raleigh. On the 8th of March following a Baptist Church was organized in the State Capitol by Elders R. T. Daniel and Zadoc Bell. The members of this Church were dismissed from Cool Spring Church, a country Church near Raleigh, and Brethren Hardy Saunders, Elkanon Nutt, John Briggs, Samuel Pearson and Sisters Mary Saunders, Nancy

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Card, Elizabeth Briggs, Dolly Grayson and Tabitha Hutchings, with fourteen colored persons, formed a Church of twenty-three members. Elder R. T Daniel was chosen pastor. Hardy Saunders and John Briggs were ordained deacons, and Elhanon Nutt was appointed Clerk.

The meeting-house was built on what was known as the "Dudley lot," near the northeast corner of Moore Square, where the church worshipped until 1823. Elder R. T. Daniel resigned in 1815, and the records of the church are missing from this time till 1821, when we are told that Elder Thomas Crocker was pastor. Elder Daniel resumed charge of the church in 1822, but resigned again in 1826, at which time the church numbered 77 whites and 157 colored members, making a total of 234. During Elder Daniel's second pastorate the house of worship was removed from the Dudley lot to Moore Square.

Elder P. W. Dowd was pastor from 1827 to the close of the year 1831. Elder James G. Hall became pastor of the church in March, 1832, and remained pastor for one year, but this information is obtained outside of the church records. From 1832 to 1840 the church records are missing, but from those living at the time we learn that in 1833 Elder Q. H. Trotman was pastor, and in 1835 Rev. Wm. Hill Jordan was chosen pastor, during whose pastorate of two years a serious difficulty arose in the church, which divided it. The majority held the church house and claimed that they were the Baptist church, but afterwards united with the denomination known as "Christian," and finally became extinct as a church. The minority, under the guidance of Elder Jordan, organized as a church, and after worshipping in public halls and private houses for two or three years, erected a church house at the southeast corner of Wilmington and Morgan streets, which was dedicated in May, 1840, Rev. Thomas Meredith preaching the dedicatory sermon, and the pastor, Rev. Amos J. Battle, offering the prayer of consecration.

This second house of worship, which cost about $6,000, was built by the special labors of Elder Battle, who was pastor from 1838 until 1841, and on account of his liberality in erecting this church, he became financially embarrassed.

Rev. Louis DuPre was pastor in 1843 and resigned in 1844, though how long he served as pastor is not accurately shown by the records. It is shown, however, that the salary of Elder DuPre was paid in part by the American Home Mission Society, because the church was hindered by a debt coniracted in erecting the new church.

On December 8th, 1844, Rev. J. J. Finch, of Newbern, was called as pastor at a salary of $700 a year, accepted the following January and resigned on July 10th, 1848, on account of ill health. The church was without a pastor from the resignation of Elder Finch until July, 1850, though calls had been extended to several ministers, which they declined. During this time the church, it is stated, was in a low spiritual condition.

In July, 1850, Elder T. W. Tobey, a returned missionary from China, was chosen as pastor at a salary of $500. He accepted the call and served as pastor until July 2d, 1853, when he resigned. Elder W. T.

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Brooks,of Wake Forest, preached for the church until January, 1854, when the church called Elder A. McDowell, of Milton, N. C., who accepted the call and served for about one year. Elder G. W. Johnson succeeded Elder McDowell as pastor in 1855, and continued as such for one year.

Elder Thomas E. Skinner was called to the pastorate of the church in November, 1855, and began his work on the first of December following. The pastorate of Elder Skinner continued until the year 1867. From October, 1863, until the spring of 1865, the war between the States being in progress, Elder Skinner visited Europe, and during this time, about 18 months, Elder Thomas H. Pritchard acted as pastor. Upon the return of Elder Skinner he tendered his resignation as pastor, but the same was not accepted, and he took pastoral charge of the church again and so continued until September 26th, 1867, when he resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Skinner's pastorate was the longest, as it was the most eventful and prosperous the church has ever enjoyed. It was during his administration that the erection of the present excellent and beautiful house of worship was undertaken and completed; and it is an interesting fact, that after the work was fully resolved on, so great was the enterprise, that it was undertaken in sections. The main building was first contracted for at eighteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars, then the tower for fourteen hundred and ninety dollars. The stuccoing was put on several years afterwards at a cost of seven hundred dollars; the pews of the basement cost two hundred and twelve dollars; the bill of the architect was nine hundred and thirty seven dollars and fifty cents; the lot cost seven hundred dollars. The iron fence, a present from Dr. Skinner, cost one thousand dollars. All of these items, with the baptistry, bell, furnaces and furniture, together with the additions which have since been made —the building of the infant class room and the organ gallery, with other improvements, will make the church building as it now stands cost about thirty-two thousand dollars.

The new church was dedicated Thursday night, November 11th, 1858, during a session of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. The sermon was preached by Dr. J. L. Burrows, of Richmond, Virginia, and the prayer of dedication was offered by the venerable President of the Convention, Dr. James McDaniel.

Elder T. H. Pritchard was called as pastor of the church January 3d, 1868, and assumed the duties thereof the first day of the succeeding month. Dr. Pritchard remained as pastor until September 1st, 1879, when he resigned to accept the presidency of Wake Forest College.

The pastorate of Dr. Pritchard was eminently successful. Many large protracted meetings were held during this period, and the membership increased from about 270 white members, the number when Dr. Pritchard's pastorate commenced, to about 500, the number of

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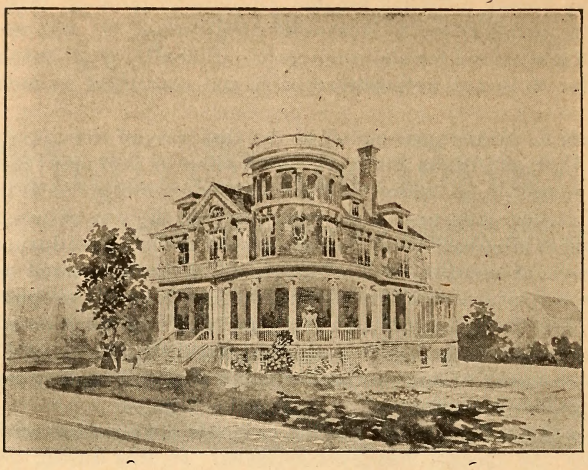

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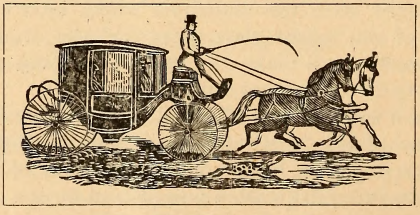

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members belonging to the church when his pastorate ended. It was during the pastorate of Dr. Pritchard that the "Pastor's Home" was built at a cost of about $3,000, this being in the year 1871–72. In 1874, what was known as the Swain Street Mission was commenced by the Sunday-school. This Mission afterwards grew into the Swain Street Church, now the Tabernacle Church. This Mission was on the lot now occupied by the Garfield Graded School for the colored race.

In 1877, the present church organ was purchased at a cost of about $2,000. The galary for the organ cost about $1,000.

In June, 1868, the colored members of the church, in number about 200, were granted letters and organized themselves into a separate organization, known as the First Colored Baptist Church of Raleigh.

In August, 1879, Dr. Thomas E. Skinner was again called as pastor of the church and entered upon his duties September 1st following. He continued as pastor until April, 1886. It was during this pastorate that the South Fayettville Street Mission was established at the corner of Dodd and Fayetteville streets, and this mission afterwards developed into the Third or Fayetteville Street Baptist Church, now removed to the corner of South and Fayetteville streets.

On 19th of May, 1886, Rev. J. L. White was called to the pastorate of the church. He accepted the same to commence the 13th of June, 1886. This pastorate continued until March, 1888, and though the same was of short duration, it was quite snccessful.

After the resignation of Bro. White, the church remained without a pastor until January 1st, 1889. But in the mean time Dr. C. Durham and others preached for the church, and the regular services were kept up without intermission.

January 1st, 1889, Dr. J. W. Carter of Parkersburg, West Virginia, having been called as pastor of the church in November, 1888, entered upon his duties as such, and so continued until January 1st, 1900.

In 1889, during Dr. Carter's pastorate, the West Raleigh Mission, near the Agricultural and Mechanical College, was commenced. This Mission grew into the West Raleigh Baptist Church, which was organized in 1894. It was also, during Dr. Carter's pastorate, that the Pilot Mills Mission, from which sprang the Pilot Mills Baptist Church, was established. This mission was established by the joint efforts of the First Baptist church and the Tabernacle Baptist church, the Mission being established in 1896 and the Church in 1898. These churches are now supported in part by aid from the State Mission Board and annual subscriptions taken in mass meeting by the Baptists of Raleigh.

Dr. Alexis A. Marshall, the present pastor of the church, was called on March 7th, 1900. He accepted and entered upon his duties in May, 1900.

The foregoing brings the history of the church in a condensed form up to the publication of the Manual. The history written in an extended form may be found in the church records of 1893 on pages 129 to 241 inclusive.

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In the year 1827, during the pastorate of Elder P. W. Dowd, another independent school was organized, the first Superintendent of which was a Mr. Avera. He was succeeded by a Mr. Bell, and then for a longer or shorter time the following officers have presided over the School: David Holland, Daniel DuPre, J. J. Biggs, P. F. Pescud, W. D. Williams, Wiley J. Palmer, B. W. Justice, John G. Williams, J. M. Heck, T. H. Briggs, Jr., W. H. Pace, W. N. Jones, Eugene G. Harrell, S. W. Brewer, and J. D. Boushall. Brother Pescud served as Superintendent about fifteen years—from 1844 to 1858, a longer period of time than either of the others. When he first took charge he records "there were about sixty scholars, most of whom were very poor and without the means to go to day school. The text-books were Webster's Spelling Book, Union Questions, and the Bible." He greatly prepared the way for the enlarged growth that afterwards took place under the administration of Dr. Wiley J. Palmer, under whose management from 1859 to 1870, the School became the largest in the State. Bro. Palmer was succeeded by Capt. B. W. Justice, but his untimely death on Sept. 22, 1871, from the effects of an accident, cut short his work as Superintendent to less than a year. Bro. John G. Williams filled out the unexpired term running up to May, 1872, when Bro. J. M. Heck was elected. The School continued to increase in efficiency, equipment and attendance, the maximum number being about 600 and the average attendance 400. A Baptist State Sunday-school Convention was held in Raleigh during the time and through the efforts of this administration, which awakened an enlarged interest in the Sunday-school cause in North Carolina.

Our branch schools have been fruitful of results, in leading to the establishment of three Baptist churches, to-wit: (1) The Swain Street or Second church, now the Baptist Tabernacle; (2) the Third or Fayetteville Street church, near the Centennial Graded School; (3) the West Raleigh church, near the A. & M. College. Our workers aided in the school work at Pilot Mills, which led to the formation of the church there. In our work in south and west Raleigh, we have had the assistance of Tabernacle workers.

In 1864, the "Infant Class," with Bro. W. I. Royster as its first teacher, was established. Bro. J. M. Betts aided in the management of this class of little ones. Bro. Royster was soon succeeded by Bro. W. H. Dodd and wife, who have faithfully remained at their post of duty for about thirty-five years. About 1,500 children have been

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The School is prospering under the efficient management of the present corps of officers and teachers. The attendance has been much increased of late owing to the presence of pupils from the Baptist Female University and other institutions of learning in the city.

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Officers and teachers	48
Maximum number of scholars on the roll	600
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Betts, W J P, 213 N Harrington.
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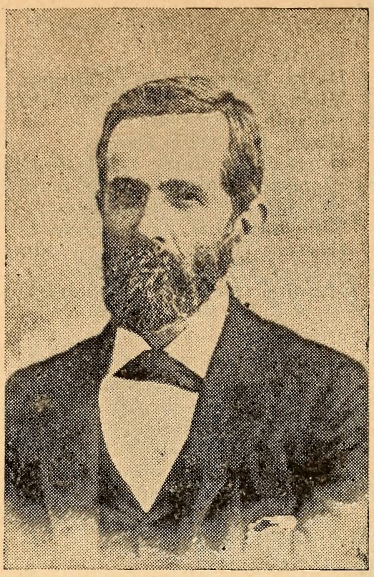

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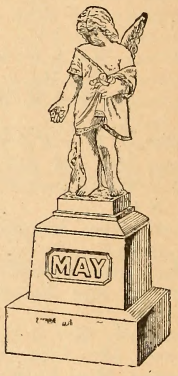

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